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For: **MULTI-THREADED FRAME SAFE  
SYNCHRONIZATION OF A SIMULATION**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated January 22, 2004 (Paper No. 19), for which a response was due on April 22, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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